



# CITY of WILMINGTON <sup>ITEM</sup> North Carolina

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City Council  
City Hall  
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Dear Mayor and Councilmembers:

This resolution was prepared at the request of Councilman Lawler. Attached please find a Resolution Calling on Chemours and government agencies to protect the health of Wilmington and New Hanover Residents.

Residents of the region were shocked to learn of the presence of GenX, a chemical believed to be a variation of perfluorinated aliphatic carboxylic acid, in their drinking water, and the source is a byproduct of a Chemours polyvinyl ether plant which is separate from another Chemours facility covered by an EPA Consent Order. It was also reported that GenX was showing up in the Cape Fear River downstream from this facility.

Passage of the attached Resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

Sterling B. Cheatham,  
City Manager

# Resolution



City Council  
City of Wilmington  
North Carolina

**Introduced By:** Councilmember Lawler

**Date:** 6/20/2017

## **Resolution Calling On Chemours and Government Agencies to Protect the Health of Wilmington and New Hanover County Residents**

### **LEGISLATIVE INTENT/PURPOSE:**

Whereas, residents of Wilmington were shocked to learn of the presence of GenX, a chemical believed to be a variation of perfluorinated aliphatic carboxylic acid, in their drinking water, and

Whereas, that the source is a byproduct of a Chemours polyvinyl ether plant which is separate from another Chemours facility covered by an EPA Consent Order, and

Whereas, it was also reported that GenX was showing up in the Cape Fear River downstream from this facility, and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has begun testing for GenX at 12 spots in area waters, and this testing is paid for by Chemours, and

Whereas, Chemours has data on the discharges from its facilities which has not been disclosed to the public that could aid in understanding the quantities of GenX that have been discharged, the effectiveness of environmental abatement efforts, and any impacts on health.

### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

THAT, the Wilmington City Council calls on Chemours to immediately stop discharging GenX and other dangerous chemicals into the Cape Fear River, and

Further, calls on DEQ and the US Environmental Protection Agency to move rapidly and effectively, including through review of the pending NPDES water discharge permit, to assure a zero chemical discharge into the drinking water of hundreds of thousands of people, and

Further, calls on Chemours to hold a public meeting in Wilmington by the end of July to address the public's many questions and concerns, and

Further, calls on Chemours to disclose all data related to the discharge of GenX and other chemicals into area waters, and

Further, calls on CFPUA to review its processes for receiving information on new pollutants in the water supply and responding to that information.

Adopted at a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting  
on \_\_\_\_\_ 2017

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Bill Saffo, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Penelope Spicer-Sidbury, City Clerk